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A Short

TREATISE OF THE GAME of BRAG,

Containing the

LAWS of the GAME.

ALSO

CALCULATIONS, shewing
the Odds of winning or losing
certain Hands dealt.

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A Short
TREATISE
 OF THE
GAME of BRAG.

*The Rank or Order of the
 Cards, which win, or take
 Place at Brag, elder Hand.*

N^o

1. **T**HREE Aces.
2. **T** 2 Aces and a
 Bragger.
 B
- 3.

N^o

- 3. 2 Braggers and an Ace.
- 4. 3 Braggers.
- 5. 3 Kings.
- 6. 2 Kings and a Bragger.
- 7. 2 Braggers and a King.
- 8. 3 Queens.
- 9. 2 Queens and a Bragger.
- 10. 2 Braggers and a Queen.
- 11. 2 black Knaves and a red Knave.
- 12. 2 red Nines and a red Knave.

Case 11 and 12 being equal, the elder Hand therefore is to win.

- 13. 2 Aces and a King.

14.

N^o

- 14. 2 Aces and a Queen.
- 15. 2 Aces and a red Knave
- 16. 2 Aces and a Ten.
- 17. 2 Aces and a black
Nine.
- 18. 2 Kings and an Ace.
- 19. 2 Kings and a Queen.
- 20. 2 Kings and a red
Knave.
- 21. 2 Kings and a Ten.
- 22. 2 Kings and a Nine.
- 23. 2 Queens and a red
Knave.
- 2 Queens and a Ten.
- 2 Queens and a black
Nine.

B 2

24.

N^o

24. 2 red Knaves and a
Ten.

2 red Knaves and a
black Nine.

25. 2 Tens and a black
Nine.

26. 2 black Nines and a
Ten.



Cases

Cases at Brag, elder Hand.

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1. **T**HREE Aces are not to be lost.
2. 2 Aces and a Bragger are not to be lost.
3. 2 Braggers and an Ace may be lost by 3 Aces, or by 2 Aces and a Bragger.
4. 3 Braggers may be lost by 3 Aces, or by 2 Aces and a Bragger.
5. 3 Kings may be lost by 3 Aces, 2 Aces and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and an Ace, or by 3 Braggers.

N°

6. 2 Kings and a Bragger
may be loft by 3
Aces, 2 Aces and a
Bragger, 2 Braggers
and an Ace, or by
3 Braggers.
7. 2 Braggers and a King
may be loft by 3
Aces, 2 Aces and a
Bragger, 2 Braggers
and an Ace, 3 Kings,
and by 2 Kings and
a Bragger.
8. 3 Queens may be loft
by 3 Aces, 2 Aces and
a Bragger, 2 Braggers
and an Ace, 3 Brag-
gers,

N^o

gers, 3 Kings, 2 Kings
and a Bragger, or by 2
Braggers and a King.

9. 2 Queens and a Bragger
may be lost by 3
Aces, 2 Aces and a
Bragger, 2 Braggers
and an Ace, 3 Brag-
gers, 3 Kings, 2
Kings and a Bragger,
or by 2 Braggers and
a King.

10. 2 Braggers and a Queen
may be lost by 3
Aces, 2 Aces and a
Bragger, 2 Braggers
and an Ace, 3 Kings,

B 4 2

N^o

2 Kings and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and a King, 3 Queens, and by 2 Queens and a Bragger.

11. 2 black Knaves and a red Knave may be lost by 3 Aces, 2 Aces and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and an Ace, 3 Kings, 2 Kings and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and a King, 3 Queens, 2 Queens and a Bragger, or by 2 Braggers and a Queen
12. 2 red Nines and a red Knave may be lost

N^o

by 3 Aces, 2 Aces
and a Bragger, 2
Braggers and an Ace,
3 Kings, 2 Kings and
a Bragger, 2 Braggers
and a King, 3 Queens,
2 Queens and a Brag-
ger, or by 2 Brag-
gers and a Queen.

Case 11 and 12 being
equal, the elder Hand
therefore is to win.

13. 2 Aces and a King may
be lost by 3 Aces, 2
Aces and a Bragger,
2 Braggers and an
Ace, 3 Braggers, 3
Kings,

N^o

Kings, 2 Kings and
 a Bragger, 2 Brag-
 gers and a King, 3
 Queens, 2 Queens and
 a Bragger, 2 Brag-
 gers and a Queen, 2
 Braggers and a red
 Knave, 2 red Knaves
 and a Bragger, 2
 Braggers and a Ten,
 2 Tens and a Brag-
 ger, 2 Braggers and
 a black Nine, 2 black
 Nines and a Bragger.

14. 2 Aces and a Queen
 may be lost by 2
 Aces and a Bragger,

2

N^o

2 Braggers and an
 Ace, 3 Braggers, 3
 Kings, 2 Kings and
 a Bragger, 2 Brag-
 gers and a King, 3
 Queens, 2 Queens
 and a Bragger, 2
 Braggers and a Queen.
 2 red Knaves and a
 Bragger, 2 Braggers
 and a red Knave, 2
 Braggers and a Ten,
 2 Tens and a Brag-
 ger, 2 Braggers and a
 black Nine, 2 black
 Nines and a Bragger,
 2 Aces and a King.

N^r

15. 2 Kings and an Ace
may be lost by 3
Aces, 2 Aces and a
Bragger, 2 Braggers
and an Ace, 3 Brag-
gers, 3 Kings, 2 Kings
and a Bragger, 2
Braggers and a King,
3 Queens, 2 Queens
and a Bragger, 2
Braggers and a Queen,
2 red Knaves and a
Bragger, 2 Braggers
and a red Knave, 2
red Nines and a red
Knave, 2 red Knaves
and a red Nine, 2
Tens

N^o

Tens and a Bragger,
 2 Braggers and a Ten,
 2 black Nines and a
 Bragger, 2 Braggers
 and a black Nine,
 2 Aces and a King,
 2 Aces and a Queen,
 2 Aces and a red
 Knave, 2 Aces and a
 Ten, and by 2 Aces
 and a black Nine.

16. 2 Queens and an Ace
 may be lost by 3 Aces,
 2 Aces and a Brag-
 ger, 2 Braggers and
 an Ace, 3 Braggers,
 3 Kings, 2 Kings
 and

N^o

and a Bragger, 2
 Braggers and a King,
 3 Queens, 2 Queens
 and a Bragger, 2
 Braggers and a Queen,
 2 red Knaves and a
 Bragger, 2 Braggers
 and a red Knave, 2
 red Nines and a red
 Knave, 2 red Knaves
 and a red Nine, 2
 Tens and a Bragger,
 2 Braggers and a
 Ten, 2 black Nines
 and a Bragger,
 2 Braggers and a
 black Nine, 2 Aces
 and

N^o

and a King, 2 Aces
 and a Queen, 2 Aces
 and a red Knave, 2
 Aces and a Ten, 2
 Aces and a Nine, 2
 Kings and an Ace,
 2 Kings and a Queen,
 2 Kings and a red
 Knave, 2 Kings and
 a Ten, and by 2
 Kings and a Nine.

If any Dispute should hap-
 pen to arise, in any inferior
 Cases, by looking into the
 Rank or Order of the Cards,
 you may find it determined.

The



The LAWS *of the Game at*
B R A G.

N^o

1. **T**HE Dealer is to deal each Person one Card at a Time, till he has dealt three Cards to every one.
2. No body is to look at his Cards till the Deal is finished.
3. If the Elder Hand passes Eldest, he loses the Benefit of his Eldership, yet has a Liberty

N^o

ty of bragging before any body else, in order to prevent his being potted; however, in case of equal Games, he is deemed to be Younger Hand, and to take in his Cards after the Dealer.

4. If the Elder Hand passes Eldest, after taking in his Cards, he loses his Eldership and cannot brag first.

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5. If

N^o

5. If the Elder Hand
passes Eldest, and no
body else plays, he is
potted.
6. No body is to look at
any Cards left.
7. 3 natural Aces win of
all others, either
Younger or Elder
Hand.
8. 3 natural Cards win of
made ones, either
Younger or Elder
Hand.

Example. 3 Kings win
of 2 Kings and a
Bragger.

N^o

9. 2 natural Cards win of made ones, either Younger or Elder Hand.

Example. 2 Kings and an Ace, win against a Bragger a King and a Queen.

10. If the Pairs are equal, either Younger or Elder Hand, the third Card being best wins.

11. If the Younger Hand raises the Stake, he must abide by it, and not have the

C 2 Liberty

N^o

Liberty to take back his Money, in case no Cards are left.

12. If the Younger Hand tyes the Stake which was first laid down, having no Cards left, he may take it out again.

13. If any Dispute should happen to arise, concerning the Rank or Order of the Cards which win or take Place at Brag, such Disputes are to be determined by the
Trea-

N^o

Treatise published
of Brag, signed by
Mr. *Hoyle*, and not
otherwise.

14. No body is to speak
before his Turn.



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Number

Number of Players being Six, and the Number of Cards in a Pack to be divided amongst them are 26.

THE Elder Hand having seen his 3 Cards, has 2 Braggers and an Ace dealt him, which may be lost by 3 Aces, or 2 Aces and a Bragger.

1. 2. What Odds, that of 4 certain Cards, there is

is not dealt 3 of them
in anyone of the other
5 Players Hands?

Ans^w. It is 87.55 to 1, or
about 87 and a half
to 1, that 2 Braggers
and an Ace do not
lose before taking in.

Notwithstanding the great
Odds that appears by this
Calculation, to be in favour
of the Person who has this
great Game dealt him, yet
as any one of the other 5
Players are at Liberty to take
in one, two, or three Cards
out of the Stock remaining,

C 4

it

it therefore lessens the Odds greatly. And no exact Calculation in this Case can be made, because it is impossible to know the exact Number of Cards which any one of the Players may have occasion to take in.

The Elder Hand having seen his 3 Cards, has 3 Braggers dealt him, which may be lost by 3 Aces, or 2 Aces and a Bragger.

2. 2. What Odds, that of 5 certain Cards, there is

is not dealt 3 of
them in any one of
other five Players
Hands?

Answ. It is 34.2 to 1, or
about 34 to 1, that
3 Braggers do not
lose before taking
in.

The Player in this Case
ought to brag or not,
according as he sees
what Number of
Cards are taken in
by any one of the
five Players.

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The Elder Hand having seen his 3 Cards, has 2 Braggers and a King dealt him, which may be lost by 3 Aces, 2 Aces and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and an Ace, 3 Kings, or by 2 Kings and a Bragger.

3. Q. What Odds, that of 6 certain Cards, there is not dealt 3 of them in anyone of the other five Players Hands?

Answ. It is 16.74 to 1, or near 17 to 1, that

2 Braggers and a King do not lose before taking in.

The Player is desired to make use of the Precaution recommended at the Foot of the first Case.

The Elder Hand having seen his 3 Cards, has 2 Kings and a Bragger dealt him, which may be lost by 3 Aces, 2 Aces, and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and an Ace, or by 3 Braggers.

4. 2.

4.2. What Odds, that of 7 certain Cards, there is not dealt 3 of them in any one of the other five Players Hands?

Ans. It is 9.19 to 1, or a little more than 9 to 1, that 2 Kings and a Bragger do not lose before taking in.

See the Remarks at the Foot of the second Case.

The Elder Hand having seen his three Cards,

Cards, has 3 Kings dealt him, which may be lost by 3 Aces, 2 Aces and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and an Ace, or by 3 Braggers.

5.2. What Odds, that of 8 certain Cards, there is not dealt 3 of them in any one of the other five Players Hands?

Ans^w. It is 5.43 to 1, or near 5 and a half to one, that 3 Kings do not

not lose before taking in.

By the foregoing Calculations, it is evident that the Odds is great before taking in, in the very lowest of the Cases; therefore lest any body should attempt to play or brag, according to these Calculations, they are desired to remember, that there are eight Cards remaining in the Stock to be distributed amongst five Players. And though the Odds of winning or losing any of the Cases already mentioned, after

after taking in, cannot be computed, for the Reasons assigned at the Foot of the first Case ; yet this last Case seems to have the Odds against it to win, because the Players have so many Chances in their Favour, by taking in any Number they please out of the remaining Stock.

Suppose you have 2 Aces and a small Card dealt, the Odds of taking in an Ace or a Bragger in 1 Card, is 17 to 6 against you.

Number

*Number of Players being Five,
and the Number of Cards
in a Pack to be divided
amongst them are 22.*

THE Elder
Hand having
seen his 3 Cards, has
2 Braggers and an
Ace dealt him,
which may be lost
by 3 Aces, or by 2
Aces and a Bragger.

1. 2. What Odds, that of 4
certain Cards, there is
not dealt 3 of them
in

in any one of the other 4 Players Hands.

Answ. It is 59.56 to 1, or about 59 and a half to 1, that 2 Braggers and an Ace do not lose before taking in.

The Elder Hand having seen his 3 Cards, has 3 Braggers dealt him, which may be lost by 3 Aces, or 2 Aces and a Bragger.

2 Q. What Odds, that of 5 certain Cards, there is not dealt 3 of them

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them in any one of the other four Players Hands.

Answ. It is 23.22 to 1, or nearly 23 and a Quarter to one, that 3 Braggers do not lose before taking in. The Elder Hand having seen his 3 Cards, has 2 Braggers and a King dealt him, which may be lost by 3 Aces, 2 Aces and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and an Ace,

3 Kings, and by 2
Kings and a Bragger.

3. Q. What Odds, that of 6
certain Cards, there is
not dealt 3 of them
in any one of the
other 4 Players Hands.

Answ. It is 11.14 to 1, or a
little more than 11
to 1, that 2 Braggers
and a King do not
lose before taking
in.

The Elder Hand hav-
ing seen his 3 Cards,
has 2 Kings and a
Bragger dealt him,
D 2 which

which may be lost
by 3 Aces, 2 Aces
and a Bragger, 2
Braggers and an Ace,
or by 3 Braggers.

4. Q. What Odds, that of 7
certain Cards, there
is not dealt 3 of
them in any one of
the 4 Players Hands.

Answ. It is 5.99 to 1, or
about 6 to 1, that 2
Kings and a Brag-
ger do not lose be-
fore taking in.

The Elder Hand hav-
ing seen his 3 Cards,
has

has 3 Kings dealt him, which may be lost by 3 Aces, 2 Aces and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and an Ace, or by 3 Braggers.

5. Q. What Odds, that of 8 certain Cards, there is not dealt 3 of them in any one of the other 4 Players Hands.

Answ. It is 3.44 to 1, or near 3 and a half to 1, that 3 Kings do not

which may be lost
by 3 Aces, 2 Aces
and a Bragger, 2
Braggers and an Ace,
or by 3 Braggers.

4. Q. What Odds, that of 7
certain Cards, there
is not dealt 3 of
them in any one of
the 4 Players Hands.

Answ. It is 5.99 to 1, or
about 6 to 1, that 2
Kings and a Brag-
ger do not lose be-
fore taking in.

The Elder Hand hav-
ing seen his 3 Cards,
has

has 3 Kings dealt him, which may be lost by 3 Aces, 2 Aces and a Bragger, 2 Braggers and an Ace, or by 3 Braggers.

5. Q. What Odds, that of 8 certain Cards, there is not dealt 3 of them in any one of the other 4 Players Hands.

Answ. It is 3.44 to 1, or near 3 and a half to 1, that 3 Kings do not

not lose before taking in.

Suppose you have 2 Aces and a small Card dealt, the Odds of taking in an Ace, or Bragger, is 13 to 6 against you.

The Players at Brag are desired to peruse the Observations at the Foot of the first Case, being calculated to shew the Odds of winning or losing, when 6 People play, and to govern themselves accordingly.

It has been thought unnecessary to calculate the
Odds

Odds of winning or losing any Case worse than 3 Kings, because the Players are more likely to lose than win that Game after taking in, and therefore, as all inferior Games ought not to be played with an Expectation of winning them, it had been a needless Trouble to calculate such Games.

It has been agreed upon by a great many People of Distinction, that no Laws at Brag shall determine any Dispute which may happen to arise, except such as are signed by Mr. *Hoyle*.

The *Proprietor* having
deposited nine Copies in
Stationers-Hall Book, upon
the Treatise of Brag, will
prosecute at Law any Person
who shall pirate the same.

F I N I S.